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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Program of National Intelligence Estimates for 1953

1. You will note that the program as sent to the IAC does not include an estimate on Communist China for completion during 1953.

2. The agencies believe that this omission is justified because: other papers are scheduled on the Far East and the Soviet Bloc (which would of course have its Far East paragraphs); there is need for sufficient time to do basic research on Communist China; and the community stands ready to do a China estimate if specifically requested for one.

3. I pressed vigorously the Board view that if the estimate on Communist China now scheduled for the first quarter of 1954 could not be completed during 1953, a slant on NIE-47, "Communist Capabilities and Intentions in Asia through Mid-1953", ought at least be done. Not one of the IAC deputies supported this view; in fact they were unanimous in opposition to it.

4. You may wish to have the Director raise this point for discussion at the IAC meeting this morning.

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